

Remarks/Arguments

This is provided in response to a final office action mailed on August 9, 2006.

The examiner has rejected claims 1-5, 7, 10 as being anticipated by Wagner (6,236,303). The examiner has rejected dependent claims 6, 8, 9, 11-15 as being unpatentable over Wagner (claims 8, 9) and over Wagner in view of either Bodell (claims 6, 14), Morris (claims 11, 12), Shimizu (claim 13) and Burns (claim 15).

By the present amendment, claims 1 - 15 in the application are hereby cancelled and replaced with new claims 16 - 29.

Applicant submits that Claim 16 is patentable because the prior art of record fails to show, teach or suggest a device for displaying multiple pre-programmed messages, comprising: a first housing adapted to be mounted in a first location, a first electronic display mounted in the first housing, a first central processing unit associated with the first housing and being operably connected to the first electronic display for communicating display instructions to the first electronic display to generate a viewable message based on a selected message signal; a second housing adapted to be mounted in a second location, a second electronic display mounted in said second housing, a second central processing unit associated with the second housing and having a plurality of programmed message signals, means for conducting electric signals between the first central processing unit and the second central processing unit such that the second central processing unit is operably connected to the first central processing unit for communicating the selected message signal to the first central processing unit, the second central processing unit further being operably connected to the second electronic display for communicating display instructions to the second electronic display to generate a viewable message based on the selected message signal; message selection means associated with the second housing and being operably connected to the second central processing unit for enabling a user to select from the plurality of programmed message signals, the second central processing unit communicating the selected message signal to the second electronic display to generate the viewable message and

further communicating the selected message signal to the first central processing unit; and a source of electricity associated with one of said first or second housings for supplying electric power to the device.

In regards to dependent claims 17 - 25, applicant submits that these claims derive patentability from their dependence on patentable claim 16.

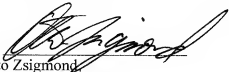
Applicant submits that claim 26 is patentable because the prior art of record fails to show, teach or suggest a device for displaying multiple pre-programmed messages, comprising: a first housing adapted to be mounted in a first location; a first electronic display screen mounted in said first housing; a second housing adapted to be mounted in a second location; a second electronic display screen mounted in said second housing; a first central processing unit for providing display information to said display screen in said first housing; a second central processing unit for providing display information to said display screen in said second housing; a power source in one of said first or second housings for supplying electric power to said display screens and said first and second central processing units; means for selecting a message to be displayed on said first and second displays; and means for conducting electric signals between said first and second central processing units.

In regards to dependent claims 27 - 29, applicant submits that these claims derive patentability from their dependence on patentable claim 26.

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Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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